

4094. Adulteration of milk. U. S. v. The Kansas Condensed Milk Co. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$25 and costs. (F. & D. No. 5871. I. S. Nos. 216-h, 218-h, 219-h, 220-h.)

On March 2, 1915, the United States attorney for the District of Kansas, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against The Kansas Condensed Milk Co., a corporation, Tonganoxie, Kans., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about July 21, 1913, from the State of Kansas into the State of Missouri, of a quantity of milk which was adulterated.

Examination of samples of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the following results:

	Organisms per cc., plain agar.		B. coli group per cc.	Strepto- cocci per cc.
	25° C.	37° C.		
Sample 1:				
No. 1.....	20,000,000	10,000,000	100,000	100,000
No. 2.....	22,000,000	11,000,000	100,000	1,000,000
Sample 2:				
No. 1.....	19,000,000	17,000,000	100,000	100,000
No. 2.....	16,000,000	13,000,000	100,000	10,000
Sample 3:				
No. 1.....	11,000,000	7,000,000	1,000,000	100,000
No. 2.....	10,000,000	10,000,000	100,000	10,000
Sample 4:				
No. 1.....	17,000,000	15,000,000	100,000	100,000
No. 2.....	15,000,000	13,000,000	100,000	100,000

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that it consisted, in whole or in part, of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid animal substance.

On March 20, 1915, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$25 and costs.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 26, 1915.